

The 17th Annual National
**Service-Learning
Conference**

We the People



Call for
Presenters

Philadelphia. March 22-25, 2006



About the Conference

The National Service-Learning Conference is the largest gathering of youths and practitioners from the service-learning field, drawing more than 2,700 attendees from more than 30 countries. Each year, the conference connects participants with top leaders from the service-learning field through plenaries, featured forums, and hands-on workshops. The conference also provides access to new ideas and networking opportunities, with more than 200 workshops, site visits, service projects, and meetings.

Peace Wall, Mural Arts Program, 1998.
Artists: Jane Golden and Peter Pagast.
Sponsored by William Penn Foundation.

Founded in 1984, Philadelphia's Mural Arts Program has painted more than 2,000 murals throughout the city, providing art as a city service to neighborhoods. The program works in partnership with community residents, grassroots organizations, government agencies, and others to create murals of enduring value while actively engaging youths in the process.

Photo: Jack Ramsdale. © Mural Arts Program.



About Proposals

The National Youth Leadership Council requests proposals for workshops at *The 17th Annual National Service-Learning Conference* in Philadelphia, Pa., on March 22-25, 2006. The conference theme, *We the People*, inspires proposals that address innovative approaches to service-learning and education.

Proposals must address some elements of service-learning and fall into one of the conference's main topic areas, or strands:

- Sharing Our Knowledge
- Creating New Insights
- Strengthening Our Field

NYLC is particularly interested in proposals addressing youth involvement and leadership, intergenerational connections, and diversity. All workshops run 90 minutes.

NYLC strongly encourages proposals from young people active in service-learning.

Submission Guidelines

Please include *four* copies of the following items:

- ___ Completed presenter application.
- ___ 35-50 word description for use in the conference program. (An electronic Microsoft Word document or email file must be provided on request.)
- ___ One paragraph describing the primary presenter's qualifications and experience. (An optional paragraph may be included for each co-presenter.)
- ___ One- to two-page narrative description of the session.

Submission Deadline

Submissions must be postmarked by September 26, 2005.

Mail Submissions to:

NSLC 2005 Program Committee
National Youth Leadership Council
1667 Snelling Avenue North, Suite D300
St. Paul, MN 55108

Please Note

- All communications will be sent to the primary presenter.
- Incomplete applications will be returned to the primary presenter for completion.
- NYLC reserves the right to edit workshop titles and descriptions for length and content.
- Proposals undergo a national peer review process.
- No more than two proposals will be selected from an individual and/or organization.

You will be sent an email confirmation upon receipt of your application. If you would prefer to receive that confirmation by regular mail, please include a self-addressed stamped envelope or postcard. If you do not receive confirmation from NYLC within 10 business days, please contact NYLC at (800) 366-6952 or email nslc@nylc.org to ensure your application has been received. This application can be downloaded at www.nylc.org/conference.

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Questions? Call the conference hotline at (800) 366-6952 or email nslc@nylc.org.

Presenter Application

The conference encourages youth presenters and interactive workshops that engage audiences in experiential learning. All workshops are 90 minutes in duration.

Target Audience

Please prioritize your top 3 audiences, with "1" indicating your primary audience:

- ☐ Educators (kindergarten through high school)
- ☐ Educators (higher education)
- ☐ Students (middle school)
- ☐ Students (high school)
- ☐ Students (college)
- ☐ Service-learning trainers
- ☐ Policy-makers
- ☐ Learn and Serve grantees
- ☐ Researchers
- ☐ Community-based organizations
- ☐ Faith-based organizations
- ☐ Foundations or corporations

Workshop Level (check one)

- ☐ Introductory
- ☐ Intermediate
- ☐ Advanced

Maximum Participants

Is there a maximum number of participants your workshop can accommodate? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, how many? _____

Conference Strands

Please indicate which topic area, or strand, your proposal addresses. Please only check one.

- ☐ **Sharing Our Knowledge**
Workshop addresses service-learning program models and best practices for target audiences.
- ☐ **Creating New Insights**
Workshop addresses new initiatives; strategies for funding new opportunities; making new connections; and research related to service-learning, education, community development, teaching, and learning.
- ☐ **Strengthening Our Movement**
Workshop addresses developing policies and infrastructures that strengthen and connect service-learning with other education-reform strategies and fields.

Acceptance of Terms

I understand that if my proposal is accepted, NYLC is authorized to use pictures and video clips of the workshop presenters as well as excerpts from the presentation. Presenter contact information may also be used to advise of future NYLC, IGESL, and YSA events. **I also understand that all presenters are expected to register for the conference, and will be offered the early bird rate until the full conference rate applies.**

I understand the above terms and assure that all the information in this proposal is accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Signature of Primary Presenter _____ Date _____

Workshop Name (10 word maximum): _____

Primary Presenter: _____ (☐ Youth ☐ Adult)
First and Last (All communication will be sent to primary presenter.)

Organization: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Names and organizations of co-presenters. Please indicate youths with an asterisk(*).

Narrative Description

On a separate piece of paper, please provide a one- to two-page narrative description of your presentation. This narrative is key to the selection process. Be sure to describe all important aspects of your presentation including:

- Presentation content and format overview
- Goals and objectives
- Benefits to participants
- Opportunities for participant interaction and reflection
- Relevance to the conference theme, We the People
- Handouts

Audio-Visual Equipment

The conference provides a screen, flipchart, and markers in each room. If your proposal is accepted, you will be contacted regarding specific equipment orders. Presenters are responsible for returning the A/V form specifying any additional needs.



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